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State of Indiana MWBE Division to host Minority & Women's Business Enterprises Resource Fair

INDIANAPOLIS (February 4, 2009) - To promote Minority and Women's Business Enterprises, the Indiana Department of Administration Minority & Women's Business Enterprises Division, along with our sponsors Key Bank, Citizens Energy Group and National City, will host the 2009 Minority & Women's Business Enterprises Resource Fair. The Resource Fair will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009, from 9AM - 2PM, at the Indiana Government Center South Conference Center.

This event provides certified minority and women business owners and those who may be interested in becoming certified an opportunity to come and gather essential resources *FREE OF CHARGE* on how to do business with various State Agencies, Universities, Casinos, private sector corporations such as Key Bank, Citizens Energy Group, National City, Cummins, Hunt Construction, Lilly and the Indianapolis Airport Authority. There will also be legal experts and banking institutions available to discuss loan opportunities and resources they offer. Currently more than 50 exhibitors have been confirmed!

"The State of Indiana is very excited to host the Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Resource Fair. It is inspiring to know that there are so many of our partners both public and private who are willing to take part in providing information and resources to help minority- and women-owned businesses sustain and grow in these tough economic times. I encourage all who can to take advantage of this great opportunity, states Alice Watson, Deputy Commissioner."

Other things being offered at the 2009 Minority & Women's Business Enterprises Resource Fair include:

- *"Certification Corner"* - All certifying entities in the State of Indiana including the State of IN MWBE Division, IMSDC, MBEC, SBA and the City of Indianapolis will be on hand to assist those interested in certification for their business.
- *"Business Plan Assistance Center"* - Representatives will be available to assist those business owners needing assistance completing a business plan.

This event is free of charge but space is limited. Registration is required and is available until February 23, 2009. To register, please visit www.in.gov/confreg. For more information, contact Terrie Daniel at tdaniel@idoa.in.gov or 317.233.6607.

The Indiana Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Division is a multi-purpose service agency for all Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE). On behalf of the State of Indiana, the Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Division actively promotes, monitors, and enforces its MBE/WBE program in order to provide an equal opportunity to minority and women's business enterprises that seek to participate in the state's procurement and contracting process.

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